

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	§	
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Serial No: 09/727,480	§	
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Filed: 12 April, 2000	§	Group Art Unit: 1655
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For: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND	§	
ASSEMBLIES THEREOF USEFUL	§	
IN THE DETECTION OF THE	§	
PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF	§	
TARGET NUCLEIC ACID	§	
SEQUENCES IN A SAMPLE	§	
	§	Attorney
	§	Docket: 00/21400
Examiner: Jeffrey Norman Fredman	§	
Commissioner of Patents		
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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action mailed February 27, 2003, which response is being made following a telephone interview held with the Examiner on May 13, 2003, on or before May 27, 2003 and for which no extension fees are due. Please amend the above-identified application as follows: